

saucer of milk in the same place and regularly the Dhaman would emerge from the scrub and come along and drink the milk. While it approached us, my friend and I had to remain motionless and silent, not even attempting to turn our heads or move a hand. But our eyes were free to watch our guest who after emptying the saucer, returned as silently and gracefully as he came. It was a delightful entertainment.

We had trained the Dhaman to come closer and closer, first by placing the saucer on the edge of the scrub, then nearer and nearer to the bungalow, eventually close to where our chairs would be put in front of the verandah.

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21. STRANGE ACCIDENT TO A FROG (*RANA BREVICEPS* SCHNEID.)

On 15th July 1956 in the cistern outside Cave 3 at the Kanheri Caves, Salsette, Bombay, I saw a foam-nest of *Rhacophorus maculatus* stuck in the angle of two vertical rock walls, a few inches above water. A large frog was seen with his head inserted into the bottom of the nest. On attempting to pick him off, the top of his snout was found to be so firmly attached to the nest, that the whole mass had to be pulled off together. The frog was an adult male of *Rana breviceps*, in an extremely weak condition. He had apparently poked his nose into the nest in an attempt to climb the wall and would no doubt have died in this curious position. The stomach was empty and the guts contained remains of vegetable matter.

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22. THE SPAWNING OF CARPS

I have only now read Dr. Goldschmidt's letter together with Dr. Kulkarni's reply published on page 634 of the December 1954 issue of the *Journal*.

Although this correspondence specifically refers to *Labeo rohita* a similar question has been arousing my curiosity for some time. I refer to the spawning of *Barbus tor khudree* in the Periyar River above the Lake.

The SW. Monsoon rains at the end of May certainly induce these fish to move up the river from the lake, and spawning takes place between July and August. The river is also in flood at the beginning of the NE. Monsoon in October and early November. During November and early December I have taken large numbers of both